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SUBJ: ROC ATTENDANCE AT IHO/ IMCO MEETING 5/21-25, 1973

REF: (A) TAIPEI 2731 (NOTAL)

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1. IN LOOKING INTO REQUEST BY T. K. CHU FOR ASSISTANCE
IN OBTAINING FRENCH VISAS FOR ROC DELEGATION TO ATTEND
SUBJECT MEETING, WE FIND THAT SESSION IS OF A COMMITTEE THAT
IS NOT SOLELY IHO, BUT IS A JOINT COMMITTEE WITH INCO.
MOREOVER, IMCO HAS INVITED PRC TO CONFERENCE, THOUGH THERE
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IS NO INDICATION AT THIS STAGE THAT PEKING PLANS TO ATTEND.

2. ACCORDINGLY WE BELIEVE AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE ISSUE IN A JOINT MEETING WITH IMCO WOULD NOT BE IN ROC' S LONG TERM BEST INTEREST. IN LIGHT OF JOINT SPONSORSHIP WITH ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS SEATED PRC IN PLACE OF ROC, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT ROC PRESENCE MIGHT CREATE PRESSURES AT MEETING-- AND MORE IMPORTANTLY WITHIN IHO ITSELF-- TO BRING ATTENTION TO AND TO QUESTION ROC' S STATUS IN THE IHO. WHILE WE CANNOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT SUCH PRESSURES MAY ARISE IN ANY CASE, WE THINK IT LIKELY THAT THEY WOULD BE INCREASED IF ROC WERE TO ATTEND PRESENT MEETING OR AN ATTEMPT WERE MADE TO FORCE FRENCH HAND. FOR EMBASSY: PLEASE CONVEY ABOVE TO T. K. CHU AND REPORT HIS REACTION.

3. FYI. IT IS LONG STANDING US POLICY, AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE, THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES IN GOOD STANDING IN ANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION BE ALLOWED OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND MEETINGS THAT ORGANIZATION NO MATTER WHAT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP-- OR LACK THEREOF-- EXISTS BETWEEN MEMBER AND HOST COUNTRY. BY ANALOGY THIS WOULD APPLY TO COUNTRY AFFORDING ACCESS TO MEETING SITE. MOREOVER, IT IS US POLICY TO SUPPORT WHEREVER POSSIBLE THE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION OF THE ROC IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS WHERE IT CAN CONTRIBUTE ITS CONSIDERABLE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE. IHO IS OBVIOUSLY SUCH A CASE. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF JOINT NATURE OF CONFERENCE AND CONSEQUENT POTENTIAL FOR DIRECT PEKING/ TAIPEI CONFRONTATION, WE COULD NOT AGREE TO APPROACH FRENCH. ROC SHOULD NOT BE LED TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE. END FYI.

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